

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 13-26 have been added.

Following cancellation without prejudice of previously-pending claims and the addition of new claims, above, the pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) are believed moot. In particular, the newly added claims are directed to a product manufactured according to the claimed processes. Neither U.S. Patent No. 3,616,130 to Rogosch nor U.S. Patent No. 4,285,998 to Thibodeau—the only two references cited in the Office Action of October 22, 2002—is directed to or discloses the formation of net-reinforced film structures as outlined in the newly-added claims. All of the currently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. The present claims are submitted in product-by-process format in response to the Examiner's suggestion during a phone call of December 23, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

A check is enclosed for \$410.00 to cover the fee for a two-month extension to respond to the Office Action. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees required (except for payment of the issue fee) from or to credit any overpayment to Jenkens & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47097-00052.

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